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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP MEETING, JULY 29

1. FRENCH PROPOSAL. FRENCH REP ANNOUNCED DOCUMENT HAD BEEN PREPARED GIVING PRECISION TO FRENCH PROPOSAL AT CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING TO SET BUDGET CEILINGS (GENEVA 5255) AND REQUESTED GENEVA GROUP MEETING NEXT WEEK FOR INITIAL EXAMINATION OF IT. AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION IT WAS LEFT THAT GENEVA GROUP WOULD MEET AGAIN THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, FOR THIS PURPOSE AND FRENCH MISSION WOULD ATTEMPT TO PLACE DOCUMENT IN HANDS OF OTHERS BEFOREHAND WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT OBJECT AT THAT MEETING WOULD BE CONFINED TO CONSIDERATION OF PRESENTATIONAL ASPECTS OF FRENCH PROPOSAL. RECALLING CONSULTATIVE LEVEL DECISION THAT SUBJECT SHOULD BE EXAMINED IN FIRST INSTANCE BY GENEVA GROUP HERE, INTENTION WOULD BE FOR MISSIONS TO SEEK GUIDANCE OF CAPITALS AND SCHEDULE SUBSTANTIVE CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL IN SEPTEMBER TO PREPARE WAY FOR PROPOSED MEETING AT CONSULTATIVE LEVEL IN NEW YORK IN OCTOBER.

2. UNCTAD SUPPORT FOR G-77. GENEVA GROUP (REINFORCED BY GROUP B REPS) EXAMINED SECOND GROUP B COMMUNICATION TO COREA OBJECTING TO UNCTAD INTERPRETATION OF ITS
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RESPONSIBILITIES FOR FINANCING G-77 ACTIVITIES (DETAILS

IN SEPTEL) AND AGREED IT WAS DESIRABLE TO KEEP THIS PROBLEM PLACED WITHIN BROADER CONCERNS OF GENEVA GROUP SO THAT GROUP MIGHT PLAY A "GINGERING" ROLE AS PROBLEM IS PURSUED AT TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING IN OCTOBER AND POSSIBLY THEREAFTER AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IT WAS AGREED MISSIONS SHOULD SEEK VIEWS OF CAPITALS ON RESOLUTION 3362 INTERPRETATION AND MEET ON SUBJECT AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER. CO-CHAIRMEN UNDERTOOK TO PREPARE PAPER ON PROBLEM FOR CONSIDERATION THEN LOOKING TOWARD PRESENTTATION WHICH MIGHT BE MADE TO A CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING AT NEW YORK IN OCTOBER AND STEPS WHICH MIGHT THEN APPROPRIATELY BE TAKEN.

3. G-LEVEL SALARIES. WE REPORTED THAT WINSPEARE HAD CONVENED MEETING OF HEADS OF ADMINISTRATIONS JULY 27 AT WHICH IT HAD BEEN DECIDED THAT NO GENEVA ORGANIZATIONS WOULD IMPLEMENT G-LEVEL SALARY ADJUSTMENTS AUGUST 1, AND THAT DEBATING WAS TO BRING TOGETHER ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF REPRESENTATIVES JULY 29 TO SEEK AGREEMENT ALONG LINES WHICH WOULD ASSURE THIS, PROBABLY IN CONTEXT OF ADOPTING CURRENT ONE-YEAR BASIS FOR CALCULATING ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS FROM HERE ON. GIVEN PERSISTENCE OF THIS VEXATIOUS PROBLEM AND DESIRABILITY OF SHARING BURDEN OF DIGGING OUT DETAILS AND WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS, IT WAS DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE TO FORM SMALL AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO ENABLE GENEVA GROUP AS WHOLE TO MINIMIZE DUPLICATION OF EFFORT AND BE KEPT MORE SYSTEMATICALLY INFORMED. ABRAMS

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